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## NEWS RELEASE

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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE AGAINST ANDREW GARCIA FOR STABBING HIS GIRLFRIEND

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed felony charges against Andrew Garcia (19, of Fresno) for stabbing his 18-year-old girlfriend in the neck last Friday.

The complaint charges Mr. Garcia with two (2) felony counts, including:

Attempted Willful, Deliberate, and Premeditated Murder of Jane Doe, along with an allegation that he used a knife in the commission of the crime and caused great bodily injury to the victim [P.C. 664/187(a), P.C. 12022(b)(1), & P.C. 12022.7(e)]; and

Corporal Injury to a Person in a Dating Relationship, along with an allegation that he used a knife in the commission of the crime and caused great bodily injury to the victim [P.C. 273.5(a), P.C. 12022(b)(1), & P.C. 12022.7(e)].

Mr. Garcia is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 96 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Garcia faces a potential sentence of life in prison if convicted of the charges. However, given Mr. Garcia's youthful age, if convicted he may be eligible for early release under the expanded Youthful Offender Parole Program.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prosecutor.

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